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KC MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Edwin T. Gipson, 26, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to 20 years in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 13, 2005, **Gipson** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to his role in a crack cocaine conspiracy. By pleading guilty, **Gipson** admitted that he distributed 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between March 1 and June 30, 2004.

Gipson also admitted that he distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine on May 8, May 20 and June 9, 2004.

Gipson was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 13, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department Street Narcotics Unit and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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